

COLLEGE HOCKEY
TITLE AT STAKEWOLGAST THREW UP JOB
ENTERED RING AND MADE
FORTUNE FOR HIS FAMILY

Five Years Ago Lightweight Champion Was
a Poor Apprentice—Built a Home for
Father and Mother and Now
Has \$45,000 in the Bank.

BY VINCENT TREANOR.

AD WOLGAST, lightweight champion of the world, is probably the most remarkable as well as the most picturesque figure in the boxing game today. Five years ago he was a nonentity in a little Michigan village, struggling along on an apprentice's wages, his family in want. He threw up his job and entered the ring. This is what he has done:

- Won the lightweight championship of the world.
- Built a home for his mother, father and nine brothers and sisters.
- Put \$45,000 in the bank.
- Bought a 200-acre farm and stocked it.
- Built three houses in his native city.
- Bought a \$5,500 automobile.

Up to five years ago Wolgast had tackled every job on the calendar with little success. He had been a boot-black, a farmer, a baker, a blacksmith, a teamster, a cigarmaker and even a head cook in a lumber camp. He was almost a full-fledged cigarmaker, having but three months more of apprenticeship to serve, when he threw up his job and took to the boxing game. All this time Wolgast, as he says himself, had been "a crazy bug, just wandering around."

Wolgast is at home. He likes the farm life so long he's sorry to leave it. He has a fine, well-appointed gymnasium which he had built for his own use, and though he has passed the forty mark still exercises daily with the gloves and the bag. He gets a lot of fun out of his bouts with Wolgast and it's not stretching the truth to say he can still "go the distance."

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Ad Wolgast, Champion Lightweight, at Work in Field
and Telling of the Snug Fortune He Has Made in RingSPORTING UP TO DATE.
NEWS AND NOTES. GOSSIP

ELEVEN THREE-MEN JUNIOR teams will compete for the Marquette Trophy in the Central Y. M. C. A. of Brooklyn, to-night, when the new fencing rules of the Amateur Fencers' League of America will have their first tryout.

ALEX. AHLGREN, THE SWEDISH runner who has shown such good form in his races since arriving in this country, has been notified that his presence is wanted before the Registration Committee of the Amateur Athletic Union next Tuesday night at the Irish-American A. C. to explain why he has been changing clubs so often. If his explanation is not satisfactory he will be suspended. When Ahlgren first arrived here he ran in the colors of the O'Connell A. C., a club affiliated with the Irish-American A. C. Next he joined the Irish-American A. C. and competed in just one race for them—a ten-mile affair. He then severed his connection with the Irish-American A. C. and since has been running unattached.

IN A ONE-SIDED HOCKEY GAME at St. Nicholas Rink, the Stevens Preparatory School defeated the De Witt Clinton High School by a score of 7 to 0. The Jersey lads skated better and managed to work well together.

COL. ROBERT M. THOMPSON OF this city, graduate of the Naval Academy, has presented the thirteen medals which participated in the grueling triumph over the Army last fall a set of gold cuff links, suitably inscribed with the date of the contest and the score.

IN ONE OF THE MOST EXCITING schoolboy basketball games played in the city, the Commercial High School defeated the Richmond Hill in the Public Schools Athletic League championship tournament on the court of the Irish-American A. C. by a score of 30 to 15, but it took them an extra period to accomplish the feat.

AL. GARNAU, OF BROOKLYN, was beaten by George Moore, holder of the high-run record at three-cushion billiards in the national intercity billiard league at Keeney's billiard academy in Brooklyn by a score of 30 to 15.

R. H. BRYSON OF INDIANAPOLIS has been re-elected President of the American Bowling Congress, and A. L. Langtry of Milwaukee has been practically decided upon as the city where the 1912 tournament will be held.

COLUMBIA'S RIFLE TEAM BROKE the intercollegiate record in a match in the series for the championship, when the ten-man team shot for a total of 1,888. The previous record, held by the University of Iowa, was 1,870. The individual score of J. Ehrlich is two points better than the former record, which was made by A. P. Lane of Columbia last winter, his card being 187.

BILL CARRINGTON, WHOM THE Harvard football team on Nov. 11, the date offered them for next fall. They have out-of-town games with Michigan and Pennsylvania and did not feel as though they could stand three.

JOHN MCGRAW, THE MANAGER of the Giants, is some billiard player. He defeated James Blair, the Metropolitan three-cushion champion, in their handicap match. Blair was supposed to win 150 points to McGraw's 120, but when the latter had made his requisite number Blair had only reached 120.

CONNIE MACK, the manager of the world's champion Athletics, is back home after having taken an extensive honeymoon trip through Europe with his bride, whom he married at the close of the big title series. Connie was mighty glad to get back to this country and seemed a little lost for a while when asked to talk baseball. However, the shrewd manager had this to say on the outlook of the race in the American League: "The Tigers are a strong team and should make all the others hustle. Teams have been known to come back and the club that has won three pennants in a row is the American League, even if it falls to land a fourth flag, must be more than seriously considered. The Boston Red Sox may be contenders."

NEWTON LEADS IN RACE
for the Basketball Title

QUEENS BOYS WILL PROBABLY Carry Off Honors in the Schoolboy League.

IN spite of all the talk going around in schoolboy athletic circles that the Eastern District has the P. S. A. I. basketball championship clinched, Newtown still leads for the medal and will have little trouble in winning out unless any more disqualifications take place. Stuyvesant lost their standing because of a technical foul, and a professional, not an official action, has been taken on Goldberg's account. He has been removed from the list of the Public Schools Athletic League, but it is true that the school has been under suspicion and his case acted upon by a subcommittee which had no authority to declare the games in which he played forfeited. If Goldberg has been declared a "pro" by the High Schools Games Committee Eastern District would be in first place, but he has not; therefore Newtown has a good grip on the honors.

THE season is due to close next Tuesday night, when DeWitt Clinton and the High School of Commerce meet at the court of C. C. N. Y. Two games will take place today. Newtown will play their final game with Normal Training at the court of the Second Signal Corps, Brooklyn, at 3 P. M. Mr. Clark will referee and Mr. Gallagher will umpire. According to their past performances Newtown will wind up their season with a victory.

THE other game will be between Eastern District and Erasmus Hall at the Erasmus gym, at 3 P. M. Messrs. Wickel and Van der Meer will officiate. Each team should be an easy winner.

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PRESIDENT LYNCH
SAYS SAND AND GRIT
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Leader of the National League
Says Fred Merkle Is the
Type of Man Needed to
Make Decisions.

BY BOZEMAN BULGER.

THE first qualification for an umpire, according to President Tom Lynch, of the National League, is sand, grit, nerve or whatever you may be pleased to call that quality that enables a man to stand up and look you in the eye and tell you to go to—well, every one knows how the cowboy expressed it.

"Yes," said Mr. Lynch. "Sand and grit are of more importance in picking out an umpire than judgment. Any man who does not get nervous has good judgment on a play. If the man in the grandstand gets at the right angle he can see a play as well as the umpire. But there is a lot of difference between sitting in the grandstand and passing on a close play and standing on the diamond and doing it. The crowd is at an umpire like a pack of wolves, but to be a good one he must shake public opinion of his back like so much water and render the decision as he sees it regardless of consequences. That is what makes the nerve."

"In selecting umpires this season I have paid particular attention to the selection of men with grit. I will not announce my list until the first or second week in February, and there may be some surprises in store."

When He Loses Nerve.
"The first sign of an umpire losing his nerve is when he begins to show sympathy for one of the batters. It is comparatively easy for an umpire to get along when he gives the close decisions to the home club. The crowd always agrees with him. But it is a detriment to the game. You can rest assured that any man on my staff will be released the moment he begins to show signs of being a home umpire."

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Holmer to Sail
For Match Race
With Bouchard

Louis Bouchard, the champion distance runner of France, is considered by all European authorities to be the best man they can boast of, and they have not recovered from the surprise they received when Hans Holmer defeated him in the Powder Hill Marathon race at Edinburgh, Scotland, the first of the year.

Holmer says that he is more than anxious to run against the Frenchman for the world's title and will surely sail for the other side in time to keep the engagement.

In the Powder Hill race Holmer was fully thirty yards behind Bouchard at the fifteen mile mark, the Frenchman's time being 1:11:15, exactly 45 seconds slower than the world's record made by Appleby when he defeated Shrubbs some years ago.

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